

Lanesboro Public Utilities
Council Chambers
May 20, 2013

Commissioners Present: Gerald Evenson, Chair
Dennis Schuck
Joe O'Connor

Staff Present: Theresa Coleman
Jim Peterson
Jerod Wagner

Commissioner Evenson called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. Commissioner O'Connor moved to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Schuck. Motion carried.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to approve the minutes of the April 22 and May 13, 2013 meetings. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Schuck. Motion carried.

Regular Business

A. Payables

Commissioner O'Connor moved to pay expenses of the Lanesboro Public Utilities. Motion seconded by Commissioner Schuck. Motion carried.

B. Past Due Accounts

Interim Administrator Coleman reported that there were a dozen past due accounts.

C. Dam

Interim Administrator Coleman clarified that the City of Lanesboro has executed a grant agreement with MNHS for \$300,000 which is considered a match toward the \$450,000 grant from the DNR using 2010 bonding funds and a tentative \$500,000 of additional DNR matching funds using 2012 bonding funds.

D. UMPA

Mr. Jerod Wagner reported that the May 8, 2013 UMPA meeting had been a teleconference. Rice rules were discussed.

E. Dairyland Power

Mr. Wagner reported that Mr. Ron Franz had introduced his replacement Mr. Mike Wish. Mr. Franz reviewed Firm Capacity and the RICE rules. Mr. Wagner indicated

the penalties were stiff so he had a spreadsheet that would make it easy to track generator use. LPU needs to have records up to date and to a "t," since one mishap can lead to a shut down. The key is to DOCUMENT.

F. Water Radium Issues: Land and Funds

Mr. Jerod Wagner reported that the option to purchase agreement had not been signed, that the project is already behind the new timeline, and the he would be visiting a couple of built facilities next week. Both Mr. Wagner and Mr. Jim Peterson agreed that the project needed to include options A and B; the strongly recommended proceeding with option C.

G. Waste Water Treatment Plant

Commissioner O'Connor moved to approve up to \$8,500 for repairs at the WWTP, Light Plant and Well #3. Motion seconded by Commissioner Schuck. Motion carried.

H. AMR Metering

Mr. Jerod Wagner reported that the staff would be replacing capacitors in an attempt to restore signals to 100 meters.

I. Comprehensive Improvement Plan Joint Meeting/ Next Meeting

Interim Administrator Coleman indicated that Mr. Pete Haug, Ayres Associates would meet with the Public Utilities Commission on June 10, 2013 at 10:30 a.m., Mr. Mike Bubany would meet with the PUC on June 17, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. and that Mr. Bubany would present the Comprehensive Improvement Plan at a joint meeting with the City Council on July 1, 2013.

J. Miscellaneous Items

Mr. Jarod Wagner proposed that the Commission initiate a small pilot project with photovoltaic generation for the street lights at the depot that included public relations signage. Mr. Wagner noted that the City of Lanesboro needs policies and procedures related to cogeneration.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Schuck. The regular meeting of the Lanesboro Public Utilities Commission adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Coleman
Interim City Administrator